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Supplementary Statistical Information

Introduction

All of the material presented here, except for Table 11, was obtained from special tabulations of the Statistics Canada annual Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF). The SCF is a supplement to the April Labour Force Survey (LFS) and covers two-thirds of the full LFS sample, or about 30,000 households. The LFS covers all households living in Canada except those living on Indian Reserves, those in the Yukon and Northwest Territories, the institutionalized population and full-time members of the Canadian Forces. For the SCF, each member of the household aged 15 or older is asked to complete a detailed income questionnaire which lists 25 different sources of income. Each indicates the total income received from each source during the previous calendar year.

To determine low-income status, the total incomes for each member of the economic family are added together. An economic family consists of those members of a household who are related to each other by blood, marriage or adoption. A household member who is not a member of an economic family is considered to be an 'unattached individual'.

Unless otherwise noted, the following tables are based only on those economic families with at least one child under 18 years of age.

After-tax data are not available until the summer of 1999. Consequently 'n/a' appears for the 1997 LIM data.

Table 1: Canada Child Tax Benefit - Base Benefit and National Child Benefit Supplement Beneficiaries and Payments, by Family Type and Province/Territory, July 1998 to March 1999

Province/Territory	Base Benefit		
	1-parent families	2-parent families	All families*
Newfoundland & Labrador	20,893,984	51,046,642	71,940,624
Prince Edward Island	5,786,101	13,647,681	19,433,782
Nova Scotia	44,640,574	72,216,661	116,857,235
New Brunswick	33,755,035	61,324,840	95,079,875
Quebec	275,765,554	581,003,305	856,768,857
Ontario	455,219,522	800,107,026	1,255,326,552
Manitoba	52,660,583	109,597,262	162,257,849
Saskatchewan	55,140,959	99,696,049	154,837,010
Alberta	120,849,373	242,847,481	363,696,851
British Columbia	166,037,419	282,435,919	448,473,335
Northwest Territories	4,577,991	8,118,837	12,696,825
Yukon	1,812,433	2,141,902	3,954,334
External**	196,316	1,030,313	1,226,626
Canada*	1,237,335,846	2,325,213,911	3,562,549,754

Province/Territory	NCBS		
	1-parent families	2-parent families	All families*
Newfoundland & Labrador	8,630,135	9,360,286	17,990,428
Prince Edward Island	2,218,630	1,388,368	3,607,003
Nova Scotia	17,589,015	9,556,677	27,145,699
New Brunswick	13,656,995	8,644,451	22,301,451
Quebec	100,337,868	84,852,728	185,190,600
Ontario	153,362,931	109,473,187	262,836,121
Manitoba	19,064,127	16,993,484	36,057,614
Saskatchewan	19,984,387	15,480,032	35,464,423
Alberta	39,897,744	30,996,712	70,894,463
British Columbia	57,234,188	44,578,813	101,813,006
Northwest Territories	1,427,068	1,248,137	2,675,211
Yukon	493,795	291,645	785,444
External**	64,666	134,107	198,779
Canada*	433,961,602	332,998,685	766,960,293

Province/Territory	CCTB (Base Benefit and NCBS)		
	1-parent families	2-parent families	All families*
Newfoundland & Labrador	29,524,119	60,406,928	89,931,052
Prince Edward Island	8,004,731	15,036,049	23,040,785
Nova Scotia	62,229,589	81,773,338	144,002,934
New Brunswick	47,412,030	69,969,291	117,381,326
Quebec	376,103,422	665,856,033	1,041,959,457
Ontario	608,582,453	909,580,213	1,518,162,673
Manitoba	71,724,710	126,590,746	198,315,463
Saskatchewan	75,125,346	115,176,081	190,301,433
Alberta	160,747,117	273,844,193	434,591,314
British Columbia	223,271,607	327,014,732	550,286,341
Northwest Territories	6,005,059	9,366,974	15,372,036
Yukon	2,306,228	2,433,547	4,739,778
External**	260,982	1,164,420	1,425,405
Canada*	1,671,297,448	2,658,212,596	4,329,510,047

* Totals may not add due to rounding.
** Represents Canadian beneficiaries living abroad.

Table 2a: Pre-Tax LICOs*, Income Thresholds by Family Size and Community Size, 1996

Family Size	Community Size				
	Urban Areas				Rural Areas
	500,000+	100,000 - 499,999	30,000 - 99,999	Less than 30,000	
1 person	$17,132	$14,694	$14,591	$13,577	$11,839
2 persons	21,414	18,367	18,239	16,971	14,799
3 persons	26,633	22,844	22,684	21,107	18,406
4 persons	32,238	27,651	27,459	25,551	22,279
5 persons	36,036	30,910	30,695	28,562	24,905
6 persons	39,835	34,168	33,930	31,571	27,530
7+ persons	43,634	37,427	37,166	34,581	30,156

*LICOs represent the 1992 base year.

Table 2b: Post-Tax LIM, Income Thresholds by Family Size and Composition, 1996

Number of Adults	Number of Children					
	0 children	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 children	5 children
1 adult	$10,622	$14,871	$18,057	$21,244	$24,431	$27,617
2 adults	14,871	18,057	21,244	24,431	27,617	-
3 adults	19,120	22,306	25,493	28,679	-	-
4 adults	23,368	26,555	29,742	-	-	-
5 adults	27,617	30,804	-	-	-	-
6 adults	31,866	-	-	-	-	-

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Low Income Trends

Table 3: LICOs & LIM - Number and Percentage of Families Who are Below the Low-Income Threshold, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	LICOs Low-Income Families with Children Under 18						LIM Low-Income Families with Children Under 18					
	Single-Parent		Two-Parent		All Families		Single-Parent		Two-Parent		All Families	
	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%
1984	287.3	58.1	396.4	13.2	702.6	19.8	236.4	47.8	274.7	9.2	525.1	14.8
1985	270.9	57.1	357.4	11.8	645.2	18.2	228.7	48.2	254.9	8.4	495.6	14.0
1986	251.0	52.6	337.2	11.0	601.7	16.7	211.1	44.2	249.8	8.2	471.4	13.1
1987	258.7	53.4	313.9	10.4	590.9	16.6	220.3	45.5	240.2	8.0	472.6	13.3
1988	264.5	51.3	283.0	9.2	563.2	15.5	231.9	44.9	207.4	6.8	452.8	12.4
1989	255.7	49.1	268.7	8.8	541.3	14.8	212.4	40.8	220.5	7.2	445.5	12.1
1990	312.8	54.5	301.0	9.8	634.4	17.1	257.3	44.8	236.3	7.7	509.0	13.7
1991	317.2	55.4	329.4	10.7	666.0	17.9	251.2	43.9	240.2	7.8	502.7	13.5
1992	360.4	52.3	322.3	10.5	696.6	18.3	277.3	40.2	232.7	7.6	521.8	13.7
1993	392.6	55.1	377.3	12.2	782.5	20.3	271.6	38.1	234.6	7.6	515.7	13.4
1994	344.4	53.0	359.3	11.5	721.2	18.8	252.1	38.8	250.2	8.0	513.9	13.4
1995	351.1	53.0	406.6	12.9	774.5	20.0	260.7	39.4	267.9	8.5	539.1	13.9
1996	407.6	56.8	369.6	11.8	791.6	20.2	328.0	45.7	244.1	7.8	581.1	14.8
1997	360.8	51.0	380.3	12.0	761.2	19.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Note: The LICOs represent the 1992 base. There are a small number of economic families which are neither single- nor two-parent. Thus, the total number of families is greater than the sum of the single and two-parent families.

Table 3a: LICOs - Number and Percentage of Families and Children Under 18 who are Below the Low-Income Threshold, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	Children Under 18 Living in Low-Income Families						Low-Income Families with Children Under 18					
	Single-Parent		Two-Parent		All Families		Single-Parent		Two-Parent		All Families	
	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%
1984	487.0	62.5	841.9	15.0	1,361.4	21.0	287.3	58.1	396.4	13.2	702.6	19.8
1985	464.9	61.8	764.5	13.6	1,258.4	19.5	270.9	57.1	357.4	11.8	645.2	18.2
1986	418.9	56.2	707.2	12.4	1,147.7	17.6	251.0	52.6	337.2	11.0	601.7	16.7
1987	446.1	58.3	670.4	11.8	1,150.2	17.7	258.7	53.4	313.9	10.4	590.9	16.6
1988	448.2	55.4	580.4	10.3	1,053.4	16.1	264.5	51.3	283.0	9.2	563.2	15.5
1989	431.6	53.5	556.9	9.8	1,016.1	15.3	255.7	49.1	268.7	8.8	541.3	14.8
1990	526.7	57.6	634.6	11.1	1,195.1	17.8	312.8	54.5	301.0	9.8	634.4	17.1
1991	556.6	59.7	696.6	12.1	1,281.4	18.9	317.2	55.4	329.4	10.7	666.0	17.9
1992	616.7	56.0	671.5	11.8	1,316.1	19.2	360.4	52.3	322.3	10.5	696.6	18.3
1993	691.7	59.4	772.3	13.5	1,484.3	21.3	392.6	55.1	377.3	12.2	782.5	20.3
1994	582.9	56.4	748.0	12.8	1,361.7	19.5	344.4	53.0	359.3	11.5	721.2	18.8
1995	615.6	58.1	828.7	14.2	1,472.5	21.0	351.1	53.0	406.6	12.9	774.5	20.0
1996	719.4	61.3	755.7	13.0	1,498.2	21.1	407.6	56.8	369.6	11.8	791.6	20.2
1997	602.2	54.1	761.4	13.1	1,396.7	19.8	360.8	51.0	380.3	12.0	761.2	19.2

Note: The LICOs represent the 1992 base. There are a small number of economic families which are neither single- nor two-parent. Thus, the total number of families and children under 18 is greater than the sum of the single- and two-parent families and children under 18.

Table 3b: LIM - Number and Percentage of Families and Children Under 18 who are Below the Low-Income Threshold, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1996

Year	Children Under 18 Living in Low-Income Families						Low-Income Families with Children Under 18					
	Single-Parent		Two-Parent		All Families		Single-Parent		Two-Parent		All Families	
	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%
1984	405.9	52.1	619.9	11.0	1,052.6	16.2	236.4	47.8	274.7	9.2	525.1	14.8
1985	397.2	52.8	569.1	10.1	988.2	15.3	228.7	48.2	254.9	8.4	495.6	14.0
1986	353.8	47.4	540.6	9.5	910.8	14.0	211.1	44.2	249.8	8.2	471.4	13.1
1987	379.9	49.7	542.3	9.6	943.4	14.5	220.3	45.5	240.2	8.0	472.6	13.3
1988	394.0	48.7	458.1	8.1	874.2	13.3	231.9	44.9	207.4	6.8	452.8	12.4
1989	364.1	45.1	471.7	8.3	855.8	12.9	212.4	40.8	220.5	7.2	445.5	12.1
1990	437.8	47.9	527.8	9.2	991.7	14.7	257.3	44.8	236.3	7.7	509.0	13.7
1991	446.7	47.9	523.4	9.1	984.3	14.5	251.2	43.9	240.2	7.8	502.7	13.5
1992	470.7	42.7	495.7	8.7	991.0	14.4	277.3	40.2	232.7	7.6	521.8	13.7
1993	471.7	40.5	505.3	8.9	992.8	14.3	271.6	38.1	234.6	7.6	515.7	13.4
1994	429.6	41.6	548.1	9.4	998.7	14.3	252.1	38.8	250.2	8.0	513.9	13.4
1995	459.7	43.4	564.3	9.6	1,043.3	14.9	260.7	39.4	267.9	8.5	539.1	13.9
1996	588.9	50.2	525.4	9.0	1,130.6	15.9	328.0	45.7	244.1	7.8	581.1	14.8

Note: There are a small number of economic families which are neither single- nor two-parent. Thus, the total number of families and children under 18 is greater than the sum of the single and two-parent families and children under 18.

Table 4: LICOs & LIM – Percentage by which Family Income is Below the Low-Income Threshold, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	LICOs Low-Income Families with Children Under 18			LIM Low-Income Families with Children Under 18		
	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families
1984	41.8	31.3	35.2	32.2	30.6	31.2
1985	43.1	29.5	34.6	33.7	27.8	30.0
1986	40.6	30.6	34.4	31.1	29.4	29.4
1987	40.5	30.7	34.3	31.6	26.8	28.2
1988	39.7	27.9	33.0	31.3	25.8	27.8
1989	36.5	30.1	32.9	29.7	27.2	28.5
1990	37.8	30.5	33.7	30.1	28.6	29.1
1991	39.6	29.9	33.9	30.7	26.3	28.2
1992	37.0	30.2	33.4	28.9	29.5	28.7
1993	34.8	29.6	32.1	27.0	26.0	26.7
1994	36.8	31.2	33.7	[illegible]	26.7	27.7
1995	36.3	31.4	33.3	27.4	27.6	27.6
1996	39.2	32.3	35.5	27.7	29.1	28.5
1997	38.1	33.2	35.2	n/a	n/a	n/a

Note: This table describes the "depth" of poverty among low-income families with children under 18. Because the LICOs are indexed annually by the change in the cost of living, changes in incomes relative to the LICOs represent changes in 'real" income. Thus, the LICO portion of this table shows whether low-income families are getting more or less poor, over time. However, the LIMs are set with reference to median family income. Thus, changes in income relative to the LIMs describe shifts in the income distribution and not in inflation – adjusted (real) incomes.

Table 4a: LICOs – Percentage by Which Family Income is Below and Above the Low-Income Threshold, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families: % Below LICO	Non Low-Income Families: % Above LICO	Low-Income Families: % Below LICO	Non Low-Income Families: % Above LICO	Low-Income Families: % Below LICO	Non Low-Income Families: % Above LICO
1984	41.8	90.7	31.3	129.1	35.2	126.3
1985	43.1	89.2	29.5	133.7	34 6	130.3
1986	40.6	79.3	30.6	137.1	34.4	132.9
1987	40.5	93.9	30.7	141.8	34.3	138.5
1988	39.7	86.3	27.9	144.3	33.0	140.0
1989	36.5	98.3	30.1	151.2	32.9	146.5
1990	37.8	92.5	30.5	150.1	33.7	145.7
1991	39.6	86.6	29.9	144.4	33.9	139.9
1992	37.0	84.5	30.2	147.6	33.4	141.2
1993	34.8	75.9	29.6	143.8	32.1	137.5
1994	36.8	81.2	31.2	143.2	33.7	137.6
1995	36.3	88.2	31.4	145.2	33.3	140.0
1996	39.2	88.7	32.3	145.9	35.5	140.9
1997	38.1	83.1	33.2	147.5	35.2	140.8

Note: This table describes both the "depth" of poverty among low-income families with children under 18 and the "height" of non-poverty among the non low-income families. Because the LICOs are indexed annually by the change in the cost of living, changes in incomes relative to the LICOs represent changes in "real" income. Thus, this table shows whether low-income families are getting more or less poor, over time and whether non low-income families are getting wealthier, over time.

Table 4b: LIM – Percentage by Which Family Income is Below and Above the Low-Income Threshold, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1996

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families: % Below LIM	Non Low-Income Families: % Above LIM	Low-Income Families: % Below LIM	Non Low-Income Families: % Above LIM	Low-Income Families: % Below LIM	Non Low-Income Families: % Above LIM
1984	32.2	92.8	30.6	135.0	31.2	131.6
1985	33.7	91.3	27.8	136.5	30.0	132.9
1986	31.1	82.5	29.4	13[illegible]	29.4	132.7
1987	31.6	90.3	26.8	137.3	28.2	133.6
1988	31.3	83.5	25.8	134.5	27.8	130.7
1989	29.7	85.3	27.2	135.4	28.5	130.7
1990	30.1	79.7	28.6	132.8	29.1	128.2
1991	30.7	77.7	26.3	136.8	28.2	131.6
1992	28.9	78.1	29.5	138.0	28.7	131.4
1993	27.0	72.3	26.0	138.7	26.7	131.4
1994	28.5	73.2	26.7	136.1	27.7	129.6
1995	27.4	79.1	27.6	138.0	27.6	131.9
1996	27.7	82.1	29.1	139.7	28.5	133.9

Note: This table describes both the "depth" of poverty among low-income families with children under 18 and the "height" of non-poverty among non low-income families. Because the LIMs are set with reference to median family income, changes in incomes relative to the LIMs describe shifts in the income distribution and not changes in inflation-adjusted (real) incomes.

Table 5: LICOs and LIM - Percentage Change in the Amount by which Family Income is Below the Low-Income Threshold, due to Government Transfer Payments, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	LICOs Low-Income Families with Children Under 18			LIM Low-Income Families with Children Under 18		
	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families
1984	-35.8	-24.6	-29.2	-49.8	-31.8	-39.2
1985	-35.3	-23.6	-28.3	-48.2	-31.5	-38.5
1986	-38.6	-25.6	-30.6	-51.8	-32.5	-40.0
1987	-37.4	-24.5	-29.8	-50.2	-32.6	-40.0
1988	-40.0	-26.9	-32.7	-51.7	-35.2	-42.8
1989	-41.1	-26.7	-32.8	-50.9	-32.5	-40.2
1990	-40.5	-24.4	-32.2	-51.1	-29.8	-40.0
1991	-42.2	-29.0	-35.1	-52.7	-34.6	-42.7
1992	-46.0	-27.5	-36.5	-56.5	-34.0	-44.9
1993	-45.8	-33.5	-39.0	-57.7	-42.4	-49.5
1994	-46.7	-31.9	-38.4	-56.0	-40.4	-47.1
1995	-44.3	-28.9	-35.1	-56.1	-38.0	-45.6
1996	-42.0	-28.7	-35.1	-57.6	-36.9	-47.4
1997	-40.3	-27.6	-33.2	n/a	n/a	n/a

Note: The percentage change is the difference between the average income of the family when earnings and total government transfers are included and when just earnings are included, with average family income expressed as a percentage of the low-income threshold. For low-income families, the percentage change measures the reduction in the depth of poverty due to government transfers.

Table 5a: LICOs - Percentage Change in the Amount by which Family Income is Below and Above the Low-Income Threshold, due to Government Transfer Payments, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families
1984	-35.8	+15.4	-24.6	+14.1	-29.2	+14.5
1985	-35.3	+15.7	-23.6	+13.8	-28.3	+14.2
1986	-38.6	+16.9	-25.6	+13.8	-30.6	+14.3
1987	-37.4	+15.5	-24.5	+13.1	-29.8	+13.5
1988	-40.0	+15.9	-26.9	+13.0	-32.7	+13.5
1989	-41.1	+18.0	-26.7	+14.0	-32.8	+14.8
1990	-40.5	+19.0	-24.4	+14.8	-32.2	+15.4
1991	-42.2	+20.8	-29.0	+16.8	-35.1	+17.6
1992	-46.0	+19.8	-27.5	+17.5	-36.5	+18.2
1993	-45.8	+25.3	-33.5	+16.8	-39.0	+18.0
1994	-46.7	+23.1	-31.9	+15.6	-38.4	+16.8
1995	-44.3	+20.0	-28.9	+14.5	-35.1	+15.3
1996	-42.0	+17.0	-28.7	+13.9	-35.1	+14.6
1997	-40.3	+15.8	-27.6	+12.6	-33.2	+13.5

Note: The percentage change is the difference between the average income of the family when earnings and total government transfers are included and when just earnings are included, with average family income expressed as a percent of the low-income threshold. For low-income families, the percentage change measures the reduction in the depth of poverty due to government transfers. For non low-income families, the percentage change measures the increase in income due to transfers.

Table 5b: LIM - Percentage Change in the Amount by which Family Income is Below and Above the Low-Income Threshold, due to Government Transfer Payments, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1996

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families
1984	-49.8	+23.6	-31.8	+18.4	-39.2	+19.2
1985	-48.2	+23.1	-31.5	+17.6	-38.5	+18.4
1986	-51.8	+24.7	-32.5	+17.7	-40.0	+18.5
1987	-50.2	+22.1	-32.6	+16.5	-40.0	+17.4
1988	-51.7	+22.3	-35.2	+16.0	-42.8	+17.0
1989	-50.9	+25.5	-32.5	+17.0	-40.2	+18.2
1990	-51.1	+28.0	-29.8	+18.0	-40.0	+19.2
1991	-52.7	+34.4	-34.6	+21.8	-42.7	+23.5
1992	-56.5	+34.7	-34.0	+22.2	-44.9	+24.2
1993	-57.7	+43.5	-42.4	+22.8	-49.5	+25.6
1994	-56.0	+40.5	-40.4	+20.6	-47.1	+23.3
1995	-56.1	+34.5	-38.0	+19.4	-45.6	+21.5
1996	-57.6	+28.0	-36.9	+18.9	-47.4	+20.3

Note: The percentage change is the difference between the average income of the family when earnings and total government transfers are included and when just earnings are included, with average family income expressed as a percent of the low-income threshold. For low-income families, the percentage change measures the reduction in the depth of poverty due to government transfers. For non low-income families, the percentage change measures the increase in income due to transfers.

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Table 6: LICOs and LIM – Percentage of Low-Income Families Employed for Pay During the Year, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	LICOs Low-Income Families with Children Under 18			LIM Low-Income Families with Children Under 18		
	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families
1984	46.0	82.2	67.4	38.5	78.2	60.3
1985	46.0	84.3	68.2	40.7	80.2	62.0
1986	47.3	81.1	67.0	40.8	77.3	61.0
1987	48.4	82.7	67.7	42.8	79.2	62.3
1988	47.6	79.2	64.3	43.0	75.4	58.9
1989	47.3	82.3	65.8	42.6	79.8	62.1
1990	51.3	85.7	68.7	46.5	83.1	64.6
1991	46.3	81.2	64.6	42.9	77.7	60.5
1992	41.2	81.8	60.8	37.0	77.0	55.8
1993	45.9	75.6	60.7	41.3	68.8	54.4
1994	37.8	73.0	56.2	35.0	66.9	51.2
1995	43.8	78.4	62.7	35.6	71.7	54.3
1996	42.9	76.6	59.3	35.8	71.3	51.3
1997	45.1	77.4	62.1	n/a	n/a	n/a

Table 6a: LICOs - Percentage of Low-Income and Non Low-Income Families Employed for Pay During the Year, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families
1984	46.0	93.2	82.2	98.8	67.4	98.4
1985	46.0	93.3	84.3	98.7	68.2	98.3
1986	47.3	93.0	81.1	98.4	67.0	98.0
1987	48.4	94.6	82.7	98.6	67.7	98.3
1988	47.6	94.3	79.2	98.8	64.3	98.4
1989	47.3	93.5	82.3	98.3	65.8	97.9
1990	51.3	94.9	85.7	98.7	68.7	98.4
1991	46.3	91.7	81.2	98.4	64.6	97.8
1992	41.2	94.8	81.8	98.3	60.8	98.0
1993	45.9	91.7	75.6	98.2	60.7	97.6
1994	37.8	92.5	73.0	98.3	56.2	97.7
1995	43.8	92.6	78.4	98.6	62.7	98.0
1996	42.9	95.8	76.6	98.1	59.3	97.9
1997	45.1	95.7	77.4	98.1	62.1	97.8

Table 6b: LIM - Percentage of Low-Income and Non Low-Income Families Employed for Pay During the Year, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1996

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families
1984	38.5	91.0	78.2	98.5	60.3	97.8
1985	40.7	90.1	80.2	98.5	62.0	97.8
1986	40.8	91.5	77.3	98.2	61.0	97.6
1987	42.8	92.6	79.2	98.4	62.3	98.0
1988	43.0	92.7	75.4	98.6	58.9	98.0
1989	42.6	90.6	79.8	98.2	62.1	97.5
1990	46.5	91.4	83.1	98.6	64.6	97.9
1991	42.9	85.4	77.7	98.2	60.5	96.9
1992	37.0	87.1	77.0	98.2	55.8	96.9
1993	41.3	82.2	68.8	97.7	54.4	95.7
1994	35.0	81.7	66.9	97.8	51.2	95.9
1995	35.6	87.0	71.7	98.2	54.3	96.9
1996	35.8	91.0	71.3	97.6	51.3	96.8

Table 7: LICOs & LIM - Average Total Weeks Worked for Pay by All Adults in Low-Income Families, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	LICOs Low-Income Families with Children Under 18			LIM Low-Income Families with Children Under 18		
	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families
1984	32.8	53.1	47.5	28.8	49.6	43.6
1985	30.5	55.1	48.1	27.5	51.9	44.5
1986	30.7	54.2	47.3	28.1	52.7	45.4
1987	32.7	52.5	46.3	29.4	49.4	43.1
1988	31.3	56.1	47.5	28.5	51.7	43.1
1989	33.8	57.5	49.5	31.5	54.8	47.2
1990	32.4	53.4	45.7	30.9	51.5	44.0
1991	32.0	53.7	46.3	30.3	54.5	46.0
1992	33.8	55.2	47.7	31.5	55.6	47.1
1993	31.5	52.9	44.8	28.6	51.6	42.5
1994	30.8	54.7	47.1	29.2	52.9	45.0
1995	32.0	53.5	46.7	29.6	50.7	44.0
1996	33.9	56.7	48.2	29.6	52.8	43.6
1997	34.1	56.0	48.5	n/a	n/a	n/a

Note: This shows the average number of total weeks worked by all adults in the economic family unit, for those families with one or more weeks worked during the year.

Table 7a: LICOs - Average Total Weeks Worked for Pay by All Adults in Low-Income and Non Low-Income Families, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families
1984	32.8	48.3	53.1	77.1	47.5	75.1
1985	30.5	48.4	55.1	78.7	48.1	76.7
1986	30.7	47.5	54.2	80.1	47.3	77.8
1987	32.7	48.2	52.5	80.8	46.3	78.5
1988	31.3	47.5	56.1	82.6	47.5	79.9
1989	33.8	47.9	57.5	83.2	49.5	80.3
1990	32.4	48.3	53.4	83.8	45.7	80.9
1991	32.0	47.3	53.7	82.6	46.3	79.9
1992	33.8	48.0	55.2	82.4	47.7	78.9
1993	31.5	48.3	52.9	83.1	44.8	79.7
1994	30.8	47.6	54.7	83.5	47.1	80.2
1995	32.0	48.3	53.5	84.7	46.7	81.3
1996	33.9	49.1	56.7	85.0	48.2	81.5
1997	34.1	49.5	56.0	85.5	48.5	81.7

Note: This shows the average number of total weeks worked for pay by all adults in the economic family unit, for those families with one or more weeks worked during the year.

Table 7b: LIM - Average Total Weeks Worked for Pay by All Adults in Low-Income and Non Low-Income Families, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1996

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families
1984	28.8	47.2	49.6	76.4	43.6	74.1
1985	27.5	47.2	51.9	78.1	44.5	75.8
1986	28.1	46.3	52.7	79.5	45.4	76.9
1987	29.4	47.5	49.4	80.3	43.1	77.7
1988	28.5	47.0	51.7	82.3	43.1	79.3
1989	31.5	47.2	54.8	82.9	47.2	79.8
1990	30.9	46.7	51.5	83.2	44.0	79.9
1991	30.3	45.9	54.5	81.7	46.0	78.6
1992	31.5	46.9	55.6	81.6	47.1	77.7
1993	28.6	46.0	51.6	81.8	42.5	77.8
1994	29.2	45.9	52.9	82.6	45.0	78.9
1995	29.6	46.1	50.7	83.5	44.0	79.5
1996	29.6	48.0	52.8	84.1	43.6	80.2

Note: This shows the average number of total weeks worked for pay by all adults in the economic family unit, for those families with one or more weeks worked during the year.

Table 8: LICOs & LIM - Percentage of Weeks Worked Full-Time for Pay by Low-Income Families, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	LICOs Low-Income Families with Children Under 18			LIM Low-Income Families with Children Under 18		
	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families
1984	71.4	83.5	81.2	65.9	83.9	80.5
1985	70.0	82.4	80.2	67.0	82.0	79.2
1986	71.2	83.3	81.0	69.3	81.8	79.5
1987	71.6	82.5	80.0	70.5	83.9	81.0
1988	69.4	82.2	79.3	65.6	80.8	77.1
1989	73.5	82.6	80.4	71.7	82.2	79.9
1990	64.3	81.4	76.9	59.6	80.2	75.0
1991	54.9	78.4	72.8	51.8	76.5	70.8
1992	55.2	75.0	70.1	50.2	71.9	66.8
1993	60.9	75.8	71.8	55.1	77.3	71.3
1994	57.9	77.7	73.6	56.5	75.8	71.6
1995	52.5	75.8	70.7	50.1	71.9	67.3
1996	55.8	74.4	69.5	48.9	73.8	67.1
1997	52.4	71.0	66.5	n/a	n/a	n/a

Note: Survey of Consumer Finance respondents were asked to indicate whether the weeks they worked for pay were mainly full- or part-time. This table describes the percentage of respondents with weeks worked who reported mainly full-time.

Table 8a: LICOs - Percentage of Weeks Worked Full-Time for Pay by Low-Income and Non Low-Income Families, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families
1984	71.4	93.3	83.5	87.4	81.2	87.7
1985	70.0	92.0	82.4	88.2	80.2	88.3
1986	71.2	92.2	83.3	87.7	81.0	87.9
1987	71.6	93.2	82.5	87.3	80.0	87.6
1988	69.4	91.3	82.2	87.9	79.3	88.0
1989	73.5	92.0	82.6	87.3	80.4	87.5
1990	64.3	90.0	81.4	87.0	76.9	87.2
1991	54.9	90.4	78.4	86.2	72.8	86.4
1992	55.2	90.1	75.0	86.3	70.1	86.5
1993	60.9	85.5	75.8	85.9	71.8	85.9
1994	57.9	88.1	77.7	87.0	73.6	87.0
1995	52.5	88.6	75.8	86.7	70.7	86.8
1996	55.8	86.7	74.4	84.8	69.5	84.9
1997	52.4	86.4	71.0	85.1	66.5	85.2

Note: Survey of Consumer Finance respondents were asked to indicate whether the weeks they worked for pay were mainly full- or part-time. This table describes the percentage of respondents with weeks worked who reported mainly full-time.

Table 8b: LIM - Percentage of Weeks Worked Full-Time for Pay by Low-Income and Non Low-Income Families, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1996

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families
1984	65.9	91.2	83.9	87.3	80.5	87.5
1985	67.0	90.1	82.0	88.0	79.2	88.1
1986	69.3	90.3	81.8	87.7	79.5	87.8
1987	70.5	91.0	83.9	87.2	81.0	87.3
1988	65.6	90.3	80.8	87.8	77.1	88.0
1989	71.7	90.7	82.2	87.2	79.9	87.4
1990	59.6	88.4	80.2	87.0	75.0	87.1
1991	51.8	87.2	76.5	86.2	70.8	86.2
1992	50.2	87.4	71.9	89.2	66.8	86.3
1993	55.1	83.0	77.3	85.6	71.3	85.4
1994	56.5	85.5	75.8	86.8	71.6	86.7
1995	50.1	84.1	71.9	86.5	67.3	86.3
1996	48.9	83.6	73.8	84.5	67.1	84.5

Note: Survey of Consumer Finance respondents were asked to indicate whether the weeks they worked for pay were mainly full- or part-time. This table describes the percentage of respondents with weeks worked who reported mainly full-time.

Table 9: LICOs & LIM - Average Earnings as a Percentage of the Low-Income Threshold for Low-Income Families, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	LICOs Low-Income Families with Children Under 18			LIM Low-Income Families with Children Under 18		
	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families
1984	17.9	40.9	31.9	14.0	36.9	27.6
1985	16.6	44.3	33.5	14.3	40.7	29.9
1986	15.8	40.7	31.1	12.6	38.8	28.5
1987	16.8	42.2	32.2	14.8	43.3	31.6
1988	16.0	41.7	30.5	14.5	38.3	27.3
1989	18.3	40.7	31.1	16.3	40.8	30.3
1990	18.0	41.9	30.7	16.2	40.6	29.1
1991	14.8	38.6	28.1	13.5	38.5	27.3
1992	13.3	39.7	26.9	11.6	37.1	24.7
1993	15.6	34.6	25.9	12.4	31.0	22.2
1994	12.7	34.5	24.9	12.3	31.6	23.1
1995	14.4	37.2	28.0	11.6	34.0	24.5
1996	14.8	36.8	26.3	11.1	33.9	22.2
1997	16.6	36.1	27.8	n/a	n/a	n/a

Table 9a: LICOs - Average Earnings as a Percentage of the Low-Income Threshold for Low-Income and Non Low-Income Families, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families
1984	17.9	153.6	40.9	205.1	31.9	201.2
1985	16.6	155.8	44.3	209.5	33.5	205.2
1986	15.8	141.3	40.7	213.0	31.1	207.5
1987	16.8	159.6	42.2	219.3	32.2	214.8
1988	16.0	151.4	41.7	223.2	30.5	217.5
1989	18.3	161.4	40.7	226.4	31.1	220.2
1990	18.0	159.6	41.9	224.9	30.7	219.5
1991	14.8	147.3	38.6	218.2	28.1	212.2
1992	13.3	149.4	39.7	221.6	26.9	213.8
1993	15.6	136.5	34.6	218.5	25.9	210.4
1994	12.7	143.1	34.5	220.8	24.9	213.3
1995	14.4	153.1	37.2	222.2	28.0	215.6
1996	14.8	157.7	36.8	223.2	26.3	217.0
1997	16.6	154.2	36.1	227.2	27.8	219.0

Table 9b: LIM - Average Earnings as a Percentage of the Low-Income Threshold for Low-Income and Non Low-Income Families, by Type of Family, Canada, 1984 to 1996

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families	Low-Income Families	Non Low-Income Families
1984	14.0	174.7	36.9	253.3	27.6	246.6
1985	14.3	176.9	40.7	257.1	29.9	250.2
1986	12.6	162.5	38.8	261.2	28.5	253.0
1987	14.8	181.0	43.3	268.5	31.6	261.0
1988	14.5	172.6	38.3	267.4	27.3	259.4
1989	16.3	174.5	40.8	267.0	30.3	257.7
1990	16.2	169.4	40.6	265.5	29.1	256.5
1991	13.5	156.4	38.5	267.9	27.3	257.1
1992	11.6	158.1	37.1	268.6	24.7	255.5
1993	12.4	139.1	31.0	268.0	22.2	253.0
1994	12.3	145.8	31.6	271.7	23.1	257.7
1995	11.6	160.2	34.0	273.8	24.5	261.2
1996	11.1	174.3	33.9	277.7	22.2	266.5

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Table 10a: LICOs – Percentage of Low-Income Families Receiving Social Assistance during the Year, Showing Total Benefits as a Percentage of Total Income, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1997

Year	Low-Income Single-Parent Families		Low-Income Two-Parent Families		All Low-Income Families with Children	
	% on social assistance	Benefits as a % of Total Income	% on social assistance	Benefits as a % of Total Income	% on social assistance	Benefits as a % of Total Income
1984	59.4	65.2	25.8	44.6	39.6	55.9
1985	60.7	67.1	26.7	44.8	41.0	56.9
1986	64.4	66.2	28.9	48.0	43.7	57.9
1987	59.3	66.1	24.7	44.3	39.8	56.7
1988	63.0	64.9	31.0	44.3	46.0	56.0
1989	58.3	66.7	27.3	46.2	41.9	58.3
1990	63.3	62.1	24.8	41.7	43.8	55.1
1991	64.0	66.6	31.8	44.7	47.1	57.2
1992	68.6	67.5	34.0	47.1	51.8	59.9
1993	68.0	66.3	36.9	53.5	52.5	61.3
1994	71.8	67.4	38.0	52.9	54.1	61.2
1995	67.1	65.1	35.0	47.9	49.6	57.3
1996	66.6	63.3	36.3	47.1	51.9	56.7
1997	60.1	58.7	32.9	45.6	45.7	52.7

Note: The Survey of Consumer Finance data typically under-report the number of families receiving social assistance; however, the degree of under-reporting is consistent over time, allowing for a valid indication of the trends in use. The first indicator measures the extent of use while the second captures the intensity of use.

Table 10b: LIM - Percentage of Low-Income Families Receiving Social Assistance during the Year, Showing Total Benefits as a Percentage of Total Income, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1996

Year	Low-Income Single-Parent Families		Low-Income Two-Parent Families		All Low-Income Families with Children	
	% on social assistance	Benefits as a % of Total Income	% on social assistance	Benefits as a % of Total Income	% on social assistance	Benefits as a % of Total Income
1984	64.0	68.0	29.5	47.1	44.4	58.7
1985	63.4	70.1	28.9	47.6	43.6	59.7
1986	67.6	67.8	30.0	49.1	45.8	59.4
1987	61.5	67.3	24.7	48.2	40.9	59.4
1988	64.8	66.5	32.9	44.4	48.1	56.7
1989	61.1	67.5	27.9	46.4	43.0	58.6
1990	65.5	63.8	25.2	42.0	44.8	56.3
1991	64.0	69.4	30.2	46.6	46.2	60.1
1992	71.9	68.1	32.9	49.8	52.7	61.6
1993	69.5	68.4	39.2	56.1	54.5	63.4
1994	71.7	68.4	37.6	55.8	53.9	63.0
1995	69.4	66.4	37.4	50.8	52.4	59.6
1996	69.1	66.9	38.9	48.5	55.1	59.8

Note: The Survey of Consumer Finance data typically under-report the number of families receiving social assistance; however, the degree of under-reporting is consistent over time, allowing for a valid indication of the trends in use. The first indicator measures the extent of use while the second captures the intensity of use.

Table 11: Estimated Number of Single-Parent and Two-Parent Families with Children Under 18 Receiving Social Assistance and as a Percentage of all Single- and Two-Parent Census Families*, Canada, 1987 to 1998

Year	Single-Parent Families on Social Assistance		Two-Parent Families on Social Assistance	
	Estimated Number	As a Percentage of Census Families	Estimated Number	As a Percentage of Census Families
1987	277,300	49.2	102,000	3.4
1988	284,800	49.3	93,300	3.1
1989	289,300	49.0	89,800	3.0
1990	309,400	51.2	93,000	3.1
1991	349,400	56.6	117,200	3.8
1992	408,200	63.5	149,000	4.9
1993	441,500	66.1	169,700	5.5
1994	465,600	67.2	179,900	5.8
1995	472,500	65.7	178,600	5.8
1996	454,500	60.9	177,400	5.7
1997	429,600	55.8	165,000	5.3
1998	402,100	50.6	147,300	4.7

Sources: Social Assistance estimates, HRDC
Census Family data, special tabulations, Statistics Canada

* A 'census family' refers to a now-married couple (with or without never-married sons and/or daughters of either or both spouses), a couple living common-law (with or without never-married sons and/or daughters of either or both partners) or a lone parent of any marital status, with at least one never-married son or daughter living in the same dwelling.